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To whom it may concern,

The Smith Family has been a very active participants of By Faith Ministries. We have watched how this family has grown past the stigma of the community and strives to live a productive life. Jaquan Smith contributions were greatly appreciated and recognized. From the day the church opened, He volunteered to make sure the bathrooms and the sanctuary was clean and ready for service. In spite of the dangers and struggles of his community and the constant presence of peer pressure, Mr. Smith was reliable and dependable.

Mr. Smith is a new father and was very serious about raising his son as a law abiding christian. As GOD has given us a second chance we pray that the truth is revealed and Mr. Smith is given an opportunity to start a new life, and continue to be the father and christian brother to his family and our community.

By Faith Ministries will continue to support and pray for Mr. Smith and his family.

**GOD BLESS,
Elder L.Leggett
Administrative Pastor**

Date: 9/19/2022

To: The Honorable Judge

I have known Jay-qan Smith for quite some time and was troubled and concerned about his case. It is for this reason I am writing a letter of reference for Jay-qan Smith regarding this matter. I understand the seriousness of this matter however in hopes the Court will show some leniency.

He is a good kid to his family, friends and community. He has a child in which he takes care of and needs a male figure in their life. While it is unfortunate that he has made some bad decisions in his own growth, thus resulting in this case.

While I was surprised to hear about his misconduct I believe that Jay-qan Smith will become a better person with the necessary help and guidance. Jay-qan Smith expressed a deep sense of remorse in his actions and understands his accountability.

It is my sincere hope that the court takes this letter into consideration at the time of the sentencing. Despite the current case I still believe Jay-qan Smith to be a good human being.

Sincerely,

Marvin Johnson



1/8/23

To Whom it May Concern,

I Deeca Barnes am writing this letter because we watched Jaquan Smith grow up from a baby always respectful, well mannered and willing to help his elders in the community but unfortunately living in a Crime infested community with no resources for our youth or nowhere for them to go but the streets. I think if the city pay more attention to the youth and build places for them to go and people for them to look up to. Communities would be a better place stop building jails for our youth and build recreational centers to teach them there are better ways out together as a whole we need to save our youth too many dying and incarcerated before 18. lets help our youth.

Thank You
Deeca Barnes

To whom it may concern

1/7/2023

I'm writing this letter in regards to Mr. JayQuan Smith. My Name is Gregory Rolland. I am a member of the Peacemakers Organization. Mr. JayQuan Smith has been a big help to my organization. He has helped us with many things such as Coat drives, Toy drives, Food drives, Teen Forums and that is just to name a few. He is great with helping the Community. If anybody calls, he is there to lend his helping hand. I am asking well I am actually begging for his safe return back to the Community to do God's work and continue to help those that are in need of his blessing's. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours
Gregory Rolland
X. Gregory Rolland.

9/19/22

To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Karina Rivera,
I am family friend of Mr. Jay gunia
Smith. I have known Mr. Smith for
about 4 years. The time I have known
Mr. Smith I have nothing but respect for
him. He has always been kind and
respectful to me and to my son Edwin Rivera.
Mr. Smith and my son Edwin have
become good friends, whenever my son will
go to the Smith place - Jayguna will make
him feel comfortable. They will watch
movie or play video games. When I saw
Mr. Smith he will ask about Edwin,
how he was doing in school. I hope
Mr. Smith will come home soon to be
with his family and with his young son.

Karina Rivera
JDR

January 9, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Jayquan Smith. My name is Wadia I have known Jayquan for over 10 years, and I must say I have seen a change in him since the birth of his son. Even though Jayquan has had a few mishaps with the law in the past he has shown a new side. Jayquan has done a complete 360 from the last time he was incarcerated. He started to be on the right path and was focused on his family. Once he found out he was having a child that was the happiness I had seen him in a while. And once he knew he was having a boy he even stated he wanted to do right by his son and show his son how to do right in this world and not follow in the negatives behavior he himself had gone through. He wanted better for his son, and it was only one way he could do this and it was to stay out of trouble.

I say all of this because few people change in life, but Jayquan did. He stayed home more and was really trying to do the right thing. Jayquan is a smart guy and has come a long way in life. I have really seen the change in Jayquan and believe he deserves to be home so he can show more people how he has changed. Also, his son is getting older and has not seen his father in so long. Jayquan has a son which he needs to be there for. His son will keep him on the right track. Another thing is he has nephews who really misses him and wish every day to have their uncle home

I just ask for you to accept this letter and really think about allowing Jayquan to come home. His family has gone through so much over the years and this is just breaking his mother even more. So please find it in your heart to say okay he can be released.

Sincerely, Wadia Knight (Family Friend)

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To whom it may concern,

I am a man with positive ties to my community. I've lived at the above address for the last 9 years. As such I've witnessed a lot of our youth straying the wrong way due to peer pressure.

As a 51 year old man with 2 grown children 28+ years and 24 years. I've discovered Gen X is a struggle to do alone. It takes a village to raise young adults especially boys to men.

We've all gotten 2nd/3rd chances including myself. At 25+ years old I was able to change my life around. A bad situation can ultimately frustrate into positive outcomes.

Personally I've known JayQuan Smith since he went to school with my son. They both studied at Bronxwood Preparatory Academy. They both also loved History with Mr Iamecio.

I have 3 jobs I work for an Air NB in Harlem. I work for Heart to Heart home care and KRAUS Management long story short I can provide part time employment.

JayQuan is a good kid anything we as a society can do would be tantamount to allowing a member of our community to become who he is. caring humble loyal and kind. If there is anyway within the annals of justice, please give my young man another chance at life.

Regards

To whom it may concern

Jayquan Smith is an outstanding person. He's a father, son, brother and an awesome cousin.

Growing up in a high crime area is a lot for people.

It's hard for our youth and elderly to live in peace, with everything that goes on in their world.

My family has found the love in pain and the beauty in the struggle.

Jayquan Smith is part of that love and beauty for my family because I love him dearly and miss our laughs and goodness at our family picnics or parties.

I thank you for reading this have an awesome day.

A. P. D.

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To Whom it May Concern,
The Smith Family has been a part of
this community since I can remember and has always
been there to help the people who live here.
Mr. Saguan Smith is an outstanding man and
has always, still is helping anyone in need.
I as part of this community am glad to know the
Smith Family and Mr. Saguan. His Mother does so
much for the people of this community far more than anyone
knows. The Family is truly blessed and we are blessed
that they are apart of our lives.

Incredibly
Mr. Keith Palmer

Lawrence Barbosa

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my friend of over ten years.

Jay Quan and I both attended the same schools, for example middle school and high school as well as grew up in the same neighborhood. For as long as I've known him he's been an honest and generous person. There were times throughout the years, if I didn't have money to eat or if I needed someone to vent to, Jay Quan would help out anyway he could. It's rare to find friends that are trustworthy and straight forward. Besides being an integral part of his family, he's loved by everyone such as my parents, our former classmates and our neighborhood. From my experience, I noticed him having a child has made a significant impact positively. It gave him purpose as well as make him more mature. Not only because he has more responsibilities, but because he wants to be a great example for his son.

Sincerely, Lawrence Barbosa

My name is Nazarie Smith the nephew of Jay'quan smith and he is like a brother to me and he is a cool and funny person to be around and he show nothing but positive vibes around me my family and friends. Also when he was home he used to play the game with me and my friends. This would be a lot for me and my family because he just had a son named Ashton and he locked up so he can't see Ashton as much because of the situation going on. But the most important thing is that he gets out and we make sure he gets back on track. and he is a hard worker and he is there when you need a shoulder to lean on.